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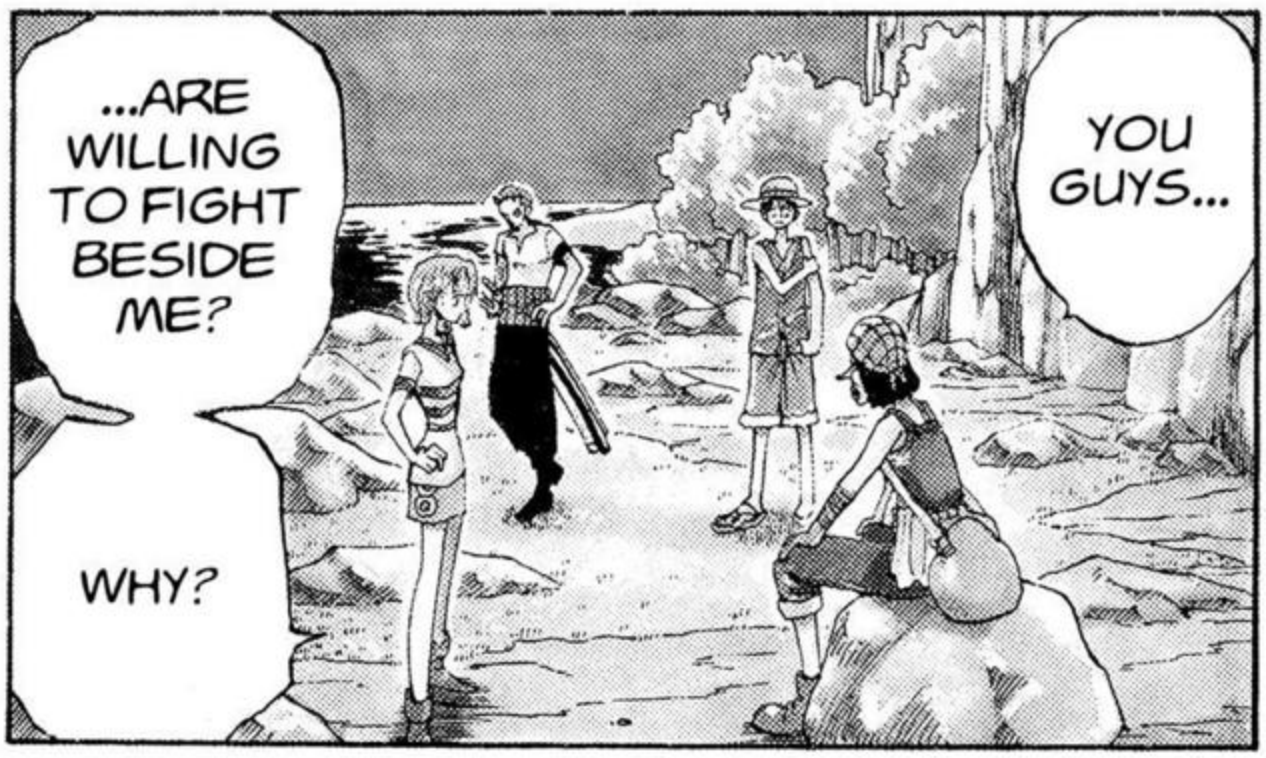

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KLAK!
D-DARN...
RATTLE
RATTLE
DARN IT!
KLAK!
DARN!

HEY!
!
RATTLE RATTLE
RATTLE RATTLE

WE'RE IMPRESSED. THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU.
WE'RE NOT LAUGH-ING AT YOU.
!!

...
I DON'T WANT YOUR PITY! YOU GUYS CAN STOP LAUGHING! LEAVE!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? I'M GOING UP AGAINST CAPTAIN KURO'S PIRATES! OF COURSE I'M SCARED!! SO WHAT!?
RATTLE RATTLE

UWAAH!!
Y-YOU GUYS!!
!!
SOB!!

WHO'D RISK THEIR LIFE OUT OF PITY!?

THEY'LL HAVE TO COME UP THIS PASS.

EVERY-WHERE ELSE, THERE'S JUST SHEER CLIFFS.

AND THIS IS THE ROUTE TO THE VILLAGE.

THEY'LL ATTACK FROM THIS BEACH.

EASIER SAID THAN DONE. WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT LIKE AN ARMY.

WHAT CAN YOU GUYS DO?

WOW! PIECE O' CAKE!

SO IF WE CAN DEFEND THIS PATH, THE VILLAGE WILL BE SAFE!!

YOU'VE GOTTA FIGHT!!

I RUN AND HIDE.

WUMP

I STEAL.

I STRETCH.

I CUT.

TODAY'S EXCITE-MENT EXHAUSTED HER.

WHERE'S MISS KAYA?

SHE'S ALREADY GONE TO BED.

WHAT A STORY-TELLER!

HE EVEN ACCUSED YOU OF BEING A PIRATE.

THAT USOPP IS A TROUBLE-MAKER.

TO THINK ALL OF THAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS OVER IN THE NEXT TOWN!

YES.

HEH HEH...

TOMORROW IT WILL BE EXACTLY THREE YEARS SINCE YOU CAME TO THIS ESTATE.

THAT'S A GIFT FOR YOU FROM MISS KAYA.

AN ANNIVER-SARY, OF SORTS.

OH, YES!

WHAT'S THIS?

EH?

SO MISS KAYA HAD THESE SPECIALLY MADE FOR YOU.

YOUR GLASSES ARE ALWAYS SLIPPING...

SHE'S SUCH A GENER-OUS, THOUGHT-FUL PERSON.

WUP

RUSTLE

ANNI-VERSARY EH?

...

NIGHTS LIKE THIS DO SOME-THING TO ME.

THEY BRING OUT THE BEAST IN ME.

PLONK

THERE'S A CRESCENT MOON OUT TONIGHT...

TOMORROW WILL BE A SPECIAL DAY INDEED.

YES, SHE IS...

HUH?

NO!

KRUNCH

I'D PREFER HER ENTIRE ESTATE!!

BUT NOT SOME PALTRY TRINKET.

!?

OH, I'LL AC-CEPT A GIFT FROM HER...

K-KLAHADORE!? WHY DID YOU DESTROY MISS KAYA'S GIFT!?

!

IN A FEW HOURS THE-- AHEM-- *ACCIDENT* WILL HAPPEN.

THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO CONTINUE THIS CHARADE.

BUT... WHAT...

CHNG

!

THREE YEARS IS A LONG TIME TO WAIT...

MISS KAYA!! YOU MUST RUN--!

FWUP

!!?

WAKE UP!

IT'S ALMOST DAWN!

BAM

BAM

CAP-TAIN DJANGO!

THE MOON HASN'T EVEN SET YET-- IT'S STILL NIGHT.

FOOLS! I TOLD YOU, IT'S NOT MORNING 'TIL THE SUN COMES UP.

SORRY, SIR!

MORN-ING, CAP'N!

KREEK ...!

GOOD MORN-ING, CAP-TAIN!

SHUF

SHUF

SHUF

SHUF

SHUF

GOOD MORNING.

DO—OM!

ALL RIGHT, YOU BLOOD-THIRSTY SCALA-WAGS...

GASP!!

YARRRRR!!

SET SAIL!!!

"ONE-TWO" DJANGO

ACTING CAPTAIN OF THE BLACK CAT

TA-DOOOO

DA!!

NOT WITH ALL THE OIL WE POURED DOWN IT!!

THERE'S NO WAY THEY'LL MAKE IT UP THIS PASS...

PL——URP

IT'S PERFECT!

YAR! YAR!

BWAP!!

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, WE HOLD THIS PASS!!

NOW HERE'S THE PLAN: WE ATTACK 'EM WHILE THEY'RE SLIPPING AND SLIDING.

YOU SURE DID COME UP WITH A SLICK PLAN!

GLORP GLORP

I JUST HOPE WE DON'T END UP SLIPPING AND SLIDING OURSELVES.

IT'D BE PRETTY DUMB TO GET CAUGHT IN OUR OWN TRAP!

!

I HAVE ABSOLUTE CONFI-DENCE!!!

TA DA!!

NATURALLY! WHEN IT COMES TO DARING IDEAS AND THIS SLINGSHOT--

SHEEN

IT'S DAWN.

HERE THEY COME.

PRRR

ROAR!!!

LANDFALL, ME BOYS!!!

DOOM!!!

CAPTAIN! THERE'RE TWO SUSPICIOUS VESSELS DOCKED HERE!

LEAVE 'EM BE. THERE'S NO TREASURE IN THOSE LEAKY OLD TUBS!

YARRRR!!!

SACK THE VILLAGE AND CAPTURE THAT ESTATE!!

ALL RIGHT, YOU SCALAWAGS!! HIT THE BEACH!!

OO——OO

MAYBE THEY OVER-SLEPT?

IT'S ALREADY DAWN.

WHERE ARE THEY?

...

SPLAP

YARRR!!!

YARRR

BUT I THINK I HEAR SOMEONE YELLING "YARRR" TO THE NORTH OF US...

MAYBE IT'S JUST ME...

YOU MEAN WE'RE ON THE WRONG BEACH!?

ER... THERE'S ANOTHER LANDING ON THE NORTH BEACH!!

HEY! WHAT IS IT?

I *DEFINITELY* HEAR SOMETHING!

GULP!!

NORTH!?

THERE'S ANOTHER PASS THERE ALMOST EXACTLY LIKE THIS ONE. WE CAN STOP THEM THERE!!

IF WE RUN STRAIGHT NORTH, WE SHOULD GET THERE IN ABOUT THREE MINUTES.

WE'VE GOTTA GET TO THEM BEFORE THEY ATTACK THE VILLAGE! WHICH WAY SHOULD WE GO?

BUT THE PIRATES HAD THEIR SECRET MEETING HERE! I JUST ASSUMED...

DARN! MY GREAT OIL-SLICK PLAN WAS FOR NOTHING!!

I'LL BE THERE IN 20 SECONDS!!

WOOSH !!!

THEY'LL TAKE OUR TREAS-URE!!

OH NO!! OUR SHIPS ARE AT THE NORTH BEACH!!

SLAP!

SLOSH SLOSH SLOSH SLOSA SLOSH

KYAA!!

HELP! I'M SLIP-PING!!

NAMI? WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

!

HURRY!

SWIP

SORRY!

SWUP!!

SPLAK!!

ARGH!!

LET GO, FOOL!

HUH!?

SWAP!!

THANKS, ZOLO!!

TMP TMP TMP

ARRGH!!

MUCH BET-TER!

!

BUT OUR TREASURE'S IN DANGER!!

SORRY, ZOLO!

DO VOM

SHLUP

ARRGH!

OH...

SKUP

SOMEDAY I'M GONNA KILL THAT GIRL!!

TMPTMPTMPTMP

...!!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!!

HUF

HUF

IF THEY'VE TOUCHED MY TREASURE THEY'RE DEAD!!

YARRR!!

WHOOM

HEAD STRAIGHT NORTH!

STRAIGHT NORTH!!

BUT THAT GUY SURE IS FAST! I CAN'T EVEN SEE HIM!

WOOSH

I SWEAR I WON'T LET THEM GET TO THE VIL-LAGE!!

YARRRR!!!

PILLAGING TIME!!!

GYA HA HA HA HA!

YARRRR!!

YARRR!

TMP TMP TMP TMP

YOU!?

SOME-ONE'S AT THE TOP OF THE HILL!!

KABOOM

!!!

UNGH!

ARGGH!

WE'RE FULLY PREPARED FOR BATTLE!! TURN BACK NOW, IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES!!

DO

HUFF

WHEEZE

OH!

WHEEZE HUFF

HUFF

MY NAME IS CAPTAIN USOPP!!! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU SCOUNDRELS!!!

HE SAID HEAD NORTH, SO I JUST WENT IN THE DIRECTION THAT SEEMED COLDEST!!

I'M OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE?

HUH?

?

HUF

WHEEZE

WHEEZE

HUF

HOW CAN I GET UP THERE!?

SHWP

SHWP

SHWP

GAHH!

SHWP

SHWP

**Q: A QUESTION FOR ODA SENSEI. WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE STUFF YOU GET FROM FANS?**

**A:** IT'S IN MY ROOM. ALL OF IT. AND BY THE WAY, I'VE READ EVERY SINGLE LETTER AND POSTCARD I'VE GOTTEN SO FAR, NOT EVEN MISSING ONE. THEY REALLY GIVE ME ENERGY. IT WOULDN'T BE AN OVERSTATEMENT TO SAY THAT IT'S BECAUSE OF THEM THAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO GO ON AS A MANGA ARTIST. THANK YOU.

**Q: IS ZOLO'S NAME INSPIRED BY THE PIRATE "FRANCOIS L'OLLONOIS?" (IN JAPANESE, "L'OLLONOIS" IS PRONOUNCED "LOLONOA" OR "RORONOA.")**

**A:** THAT'S RIGHT. I TOOK HIS NAME FROM FRANCOIS L'OLLONOIS, SAID TO BE THE MOST BARBARIC OF THE SO-CALLED "PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN." IN ADDITION, MORGAN AND ALVIDA ARE BOTH NAMED AFTER PIRATES WHO ACTUALLY EXISTED.

**Q: THIS CONCERNS CAPTAIN BUGGY THE CLOWN! IS THAT BUGGY'S ACTUAL HAIR COMING OUT FROM BOTH SIDES OF THAT HAT? OR IS IT JUST A DECORATION? I REALLY WANT TO KNOW! IF THAT'S REALLY HIS HAIR, THEN CAPTAIN BUGGY'S GOT SOME LONG HAIR...**

**A:** YES. THIS QUESTION CAME UP A LOT. WHY DON'T I HAVE YOU TAKE A LOOK...